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PHILIP VICKERS FITHIAN. *JOURNAL AND LETTERS, 1767-1774*. Student at Princeton College, 1770-72, Tutor at Nomini Hall in Virginia, 1773-74. Edited for the Princeton Historical Association by John Rogers Williams. Princeton, N. J. The University Library, 1900.

The Princeton Historical Association, in printing this journal in full, has made a useful addition to our knowledge of Virginia and the Virginia people just before the Revolutionary War. Though rather a quiet and retiring young man, and one who, as he deemed fitting for a candidate for the Presbyterian ministry, abstained from many of the gayeties of the period, Philip Fithian kept his eyes open during the two years in which he was a tutor at "Nominy Hall," Westmoreland county, Va., the home of Hon. Robert Carter, member of the Council.

The Journal has been well edited by Mr. John Rogers Williams.

A mere list of family names and of subjects noticed in the diary during the period of his stay in Virginia will give the best idea we can convey here of how wide is the interest of the book. Among the families mentioned are Carter, Fauntleroy, Walker, Turberville, Corbin, Lee, Flood, Gordon, Booth, Jones, Washington, Middleton, Tayloe, Parker, Ritchie, Edmundson, Brockenbrough (which he writes Brokenberry), &c.

Among the places mentioned and subjects noticed or discussed, are tavern bills, dancing, clergymen, school teaching, Yeocomico Church, music and musical instruments, Nomini Church, fish and oysters, racing, price of pork, dress of men and women, manners of the Virginians, gaming, manner of living at Nomini Hall, breakfasts, dinners and suppers, Christmas, christenings, crops, negroes, physicians, newspapers, church and private burying grounds, balls, gardening, politics, toasts at dinner, use of the word "evening," amount of wood burnt at Nomini, negro dancing and fiddle and banjo playing, flour mills, quinsy, William and Mary College, Bushfield, home of Colonel John A. Washington, jail fever, convict servants, Anabaptists, Rev. James Waddell, description of Nomini Hall, farming, religion, governesses, tutors, cock fighting, description of Mt. Airy, Colonel Carter's library, ship masters, boat-racing, entertainment on ship-board, Hobbs Hole (Tappahannock), fish feasts (modern fish fry), fruit, peach brandy, use of the words "sale," "ordinary," "gayly," and "vicious," prejudice against the Scotch, barbecue, fist-fights, coaches, and singing in church. These topics noted in reading the diary, show of how many different subjects the book treats.

The introduction and notes give a good account of Councillor Carter and his family and neighbors. To the account of the house at Nomini might have been added that the private stair, spoken of on page 244, ascended from the cellar to the top of the house. There were no landings on it, but doors opened on each floor directly on the steps. On top of the house was an observatory.

The Nomini Hall plantation was much larger than is stated in the introduction. By deed in Westmoreland, August 19, 1709, Nicholas Spencer, Esq., of Cople, Bedfordshire, England, sold to Hon. Robert Carter, several tracts of land at the head of Nomini river, comprising about 6,000 acres, for the sum of £800 sterling. Before this, in February, 1708, Robert Carter had bought from William Manley, 2,800 acres at the head of Nomini river.

The "Journal and Letters" is a handsomely printed book of 320 pages, well indexed, and containing views of the Old Poplar Avenue at Nomini Hall, of Nassau Hall, Princeton, the old Longstreet House, Princeton, of Yeocomico Church, and Mt. Airy; portraits of Colonel and Mrs. Robert Carter, of Nomini, and several maps.

The American Historical Review, in which extracts from Fithian's diary were published, has also printed the diary of John Harrower, an indentured servant, who lived near Fredericksburg, Virginia, about the same time.

These two diaries can usefully be read together, and the "Diary of a Young Lady of Virginia," published a number of years ago, will form a fitting continuation. This "young lady" is believed to have been a Miss Lucy Lee. The diary, which is in the form of letters to a friend, Miss Polly Brent, was kept in 1782 in the Northern Neck of Virginia, the same country where Fithian taught. Mrs. Goodwin has given a pleasant resumé of its contents in the March *Cosmopolitan*, under the title "A Society Girl of the Eighteenth Century."

GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL NOTES ON CULPEPER COUNTY, VIRGINIA. Embracing a revised and enlarged edition of Dr. Philip Slaughter's History of St. Mark's Parish. Compiled and published by Raleigh Travers Green, Culpeper, Va. 1900. Pp. viii, 160, xxvi (index).

Mr. Green has not only republished and revised a parish history; but has given us a valuable one of a county. His work begins with a reprint of Dr. Philip Slaughter's well known history of St. Mark's parish, Culpeper county, which has become a scarce book. In this reprint the genealogies of the families of Green, Winston, Slaughter, Pendleton and Williams have been greatly enlarged.

The second part of the book, the county history proper, consists of the following divisions: 1. Culpeper county history; 2. The Culpeper of To-day; 3. The Culpeper Minute Men; 4. Civil War Roll; 5. Culpeper in the Civil War; 6. Engagements in Culpeper; 7. The Baptists in Culpeper; 8. Notes for Genealogists, consisting of abstracts of wills on record in Culpeper, 1749-1821, and marriage records 1781-1825; 9. Genealogies of the families of Micou, Grinnan, Ashby, Somerville, Yancey, Brown, Hill, Thompson and Jones; 10. Culpeper as a Battleground; 11. Culpeper Revolutionary Pensioners; 12. Genealogies of the families of Rice, Barbour, Broadus, Bryan, Lillard, Browning and Thomas; 13.